

**DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION
21 STATE HOUSE STATION, AUGUSTA, ME 04333
(207) 624-6570**

2004-2005 WET STORAGE PERMIT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Each dealer choosing to practice wet storage shall apply to the Department annually. The permit evaluation will include, but not be limited to, an evaluation of the near shore site or the facilities plan and operating procedures for an onshore operation submitted by the dealer and an inspection of the storage site or facility. **An example of an offshore wet storage SOP is on the back of this page.**

The following information must be submitted to the department as part of the annual application package (including but not limited to):

- **Name (as it appears on certificate), address, telephone number and certification number included as part of a letter requesting a permit for wet storage.**
- **A chart indicating the exact location (including loran/GPS coordinates) being considered for near shore storage sites and floats. Onshore facilities must submit a map indicating location of facility and source water used for wet storage.**
- **A physical description, diagram or photograph of the design of the wet storage structure or system. Details of any water treatment system. All plans for construction or remodeling of onshore wet storage facilities shall be reviewed and approved by the department prior to commencing construction.**
- **Submit local code enforcement or plumbing inspector's permit to the Department to show that all new and/or remodeling of existing plumbing and sewage within the facility meets state and local requirements.**
- **Submit a copy of current Maine Department of Environmental Protection Waste Discharge License, or most recent DEP letter of no-impact, for each wet storage site.**
- **A written standard operating procedure (SOP) which includes:**
 - ✓ **a description of the purpose for the wet storage operation (i.e. holding, conditioning, or salinization) and any species-specific physiological factors that may effect design criteria.**
 - ✓ **how product is tagged or identified during wet storage and,**
 - ✓ **how product is handled and tagged when it comes out of wet storage.**
- * **If the dealer has an approved intermediate processing or commingling plan on file with the Department, these plans may be referenced in the SOP.**
- * **The Department suggests dealers keep a copy of their final wet storage application and permit at their facility. Dealers may contact Michelle Mason for copies of their final application.**

Note: All structures within navigable waters require a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers and/or municipality. Depending upon the location and duration, structures may also require a permit from the Department of Environmental Protection (Natural Resources Protection Act) or Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (Endangered and Threatened Species Program).

Please send this completed application with **all** attachments required to: Shellfish Sanitation Program, 21 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0021. Should you have questions, please call Michelle Mason at (207) 624-6570.

Example of a Wet Storage Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

Cool Clam Company
12 Clam Rd
Clamville, ME 04000
(207) 000-0000
Certification # ME 000 SS

This is a request for a wet storage permit to hold soft-shell clams in floating plastic trays. This is done to purge the clams of any grit and/or sand. Please refer to the attached diagram of the wet storage system for design information. Buoys will be labeled (in contrasting color) with our certification number for easy identification, and will be marked with reflective tape. The wet storage area is located at GPS coordinates N 43 58.000' W 069 34.000' (see attached map for additional information).

We understand that you will be sending this application to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to determine if this wet storage site needs either a NPDES permit, or DEP letter of "no impact".

Product will be placed in separate trays each day; no lots will be commingled. Each tray will be labeled with a harvester's tag indicating original harvest area and original harvest date. When removed from wet storage, the lots will be tagged with a dealer wet storage tag.

Product will be transported to our processing facility by boat. Product on the boat will be handled according to general sanitation requirements. We will use our intermediate processing plan on file with the Department to process the product in our facility. When shipped to customers, an appropriate tag will be placed with the product.

Wet storage, intermediate processing and shipping records, as well as tags, will be maintained at our facility for one year.

We would appreciate a copy of our final wet storage application when the Department accepts it. We will keep the copy on file at our facility with our wet storage permit.